

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

8. (new) A digital sound television system comprising:
  - 2 a television set including a CRT for displaying a television picture;
  - 4 a microprocessor unit (MCU) for controlling receiving and displaying of the television picture in response to a user's command;
  - 6 processing means for processing sound signal; and
  - 8 CRT scanning means including a horizontal scanning means;wherein, the microprocessor unit shuts the television picture down in response to a sound command signal by outputting a control signal to ground a base of a transistor for the horizontal scanning means, cutting the horizontal scanning means off, and preventing high voltage from
  - 10 supplying to a second anode of the CRT and the sound signal alone is processed when the television picture displayed by the CRT is shut down.